India's participation in International Trade Fair

2648. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what .ire the names of countries in which .nternatio.ial trade fairs were held in 1991-92 and in which India participated;

(b) what are the names of countries where trade fairs are likely to be held in 1992-93 and in which India is likely to participate; and

(c) what criteria / procedure has been laid down by Government for granting permission to intending participants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) During 1991-92, TFAI organised participation in fairs and exhibitions held in the following 29 countries:—

Czechoslovakia, China, Venezuela. Zimbabwe, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Syria, Hungary, Kenya, Iran, Malaysia, Chile, Angola, Bahrain, Vietnam, Russia, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Ghana, U.K., Hong Kong, Australia, Italy, USA, France & Namibia

(b) During 1992-93, TFAI's proposed programme covers participation in fairs to be held in the following 28 countries:—

Germany, UK, Italy, Turkey. France, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, USA Syria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, China, Malaysia, Vietnam. South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia, Singapore, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Senegal, Mauritius and Dubai

(c) Participation in trade fairs abroad is open to all registered exporters and manufacturer exporters. TFAI has constituted for large / important fairs, specific Task Forces consisting of representatives from TFAI, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of External Affairs, Federation of Indian Export Organisations, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Export Promotion Councils, Confederation of Engineering Industry, etc. for proper guidance on various aspects relating to participation in a fair. The choice of products and selection of participants is finalised by the Task Force after taking into consideration the export potential for specific commodities and the capabilities of the manufacturing units to meet the market requirements and all other relevant factors.

Also, upto 25% of the available space is utilised for allocation to upcoming and new exhibitors and 5% to women entrepreneurs.

Promoting Indo-USSR Trade

2649. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas of exports and imports proposed for promoting Indo-USSR trade;

(b) whether some high level talks are still going on or were held recently to expand trade between both the countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor? »

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Exports to USSR include agricultural products, minerals and ores, chemicals and allied products, leather and leather manufactures, engineering goods, textiles, etc. Imports from USSR include machinery equipment and spares, crude oil and petroleum products, fertilizers, chemicals and pharmaceutical products, steel products, non-ferrous metals, etc.

(b) and (c) The Minister for External Affairs recently visited the Soviet Union and held wide ranging discussions with the Soviet Government and with the leadership of the Russian Federation. An official delegation has also visited the Soviet Republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakistan

and Kirghizia in October, 1991, preliminary discussions have also been held with the Balarus Republic. Efforts are being made to conclude trade protocols for 1992 with the Soviet Union and its Republics at an early date.

Decline in Wheat Export

2650. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be a decline in the export of wheat during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. This year 8 lakh MTs of wheat are expected to be exported as against 2.01 lakh last year.

(b) Does not arise.

Impact of political changes in Soviet Union on the Export of Tobacco

2651. SHRI YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 164 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1991 and state the impact of the political changes in U.S.S.R, on tobacco exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): According to the information available with the Tobacco Board, the quantities of tobacco finalised under Trade Plan Provisions for 1991 have already been exported to U.S.S.R. The position in respect of future exports will be known only during discussions with the Soviets on the Trade Protocol for 1992.

Revamping the system of total export-oriented units and export processing zones

2652. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for revamping the system of total export-oriented units and export processing zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose for revamping the systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) With a view to making the 100% Export Oriented units and Export Processing Zones Schemes more attractive. Government have announced a package for these schemes, as part of the new Trade Policy. These include a revised procedure of application and processing of proposals under the two schemes, delegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals / Administrative Ministries to Development Commissioners of Export Processing Zones for 100% EOUs and EPZ units and certain procedural simplifications.

आल इंडिया ब्रेवर्स एसोसिएशन द्वारा होप्स का आयात

@2652-ए. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऑल इंडिया ब्रेवर्स एसोसिएशन ने मई, 1990 में 10 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के होप्स के आयात करने का अनुरोध किया था;

(ख) क्या वर्ष 1990-91 में 10 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक मूल्य के होप्स का आयात किया गया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

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